

Indiana's Smoke Free Air Ordinances

To date, 39 municipalities in the State of Indiana have passed some local smoke free air law. Twelve communities (plus the Indianapolis International Airport) have implemented 100% comprehensive smoke free workplace laws that cover all workers in the community (highlighted in pink). An additional nineteen laws are effective public health policy and follow the guidelines outlined by the U.S. Surgeon General for eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke from the indoor places that the respective ordinances cover, however these ordinances do not cover all types of workplaces (highlighted in green). Nine Indiana communities have passed policies that do not follow the recommended guidelines outlined by the Surgeon General for protecting citizens from exposure to secondhand smoke (not highlighted).

Indiana Counties											
Meets SGR guidelines	Municipality	Population / % of IN Total Population (2000 U.S. Census)	Effective Date	Public Places	workplaces	restaurants	bars	Outdoor Seating	membership clubs	NOTES	Enforcement Contact
YES	Allen County	331,849 / 5.5%	08/01/07	X	X	X				Does not cover bowling alleys at certain times of the day	Health Department (260) 449-7561
NO	Delaware County*		06/21/06	X	X	Allows separate smoking rooms					Health Department (765) 747-7721
YES	Hancock County	55,391 / 0.9%	03/25/09	X	X	X	X	X	X		Hancock Co. Health Dept. (317) 477-1125
YES	Henry County	48,508 / 0.8%	01/11/11	X	X	X				Includes bowling alleys. All social clubs, bars, and bingo halls are required to be smoke-free if they employ anyone 18 yrs old or younger at any time.	Health Department (765) 521-7056
YES	Monroe County**	120,563 / 1.9%	02/01/06	X	X	X	X	X	X		Monroe Co. Health Dept. (812) 349-2543
NO	Morgan County*		01/01/05			Allows separate smoking rooms					Health Department (765) 342-6621
NO	St. Joseph County*		04/10/06	X	X	Allows separate smoking rooms				Hardship exemptions for small businesses	Health Department (574) 235-9497 or smokeord@co.stjoseph.in.us
NO	Vanderburgh County*		01/02/07	X	X	Allows separate smoking rooms					Health Department (812) 435-2400
NO	Vigo County*		07/01/07	X	X	Allows separate smoking rooms					Health Department (812) 435-2400

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YES	Avon	6,248 / 0.1%	09/01/06	X	X	X		X		outdoor dining is smokefree except for bars	Town Manager's Office (317) 272-5471 or tklein@avongov.org
YES	Bloomington	(see above - Included in Monroe Co.)	01/01/05	X	X	X	X	X	X		City of Bloomington (812) 349-3851
YES	Carmel	37,733 / 0.62%	03/05/06	X	X	X					City Code Enforcement (317) 571-2423 or kbrennan@carmel.in.gov
YES	Columbus	39,059 / 0.64%	02/01/06	X	X	X					Mayor's office/ Human Resources (812) 376-2500
YES	Crown Point	19,806 / 0.33%	04/01/08	X	X	X		X		outdoor dining is smokefree except for bars; allowance of designated hotel & motel smoking rooms; tobacco retail stores exempt	City of Crown Point Police Department
YES	Cumberland	(see above - included in Hancock Co.)	01/01/08	X	X	X	X	X			Cumberland Town Manager
YES	Elkhart	51,874 / 0.85%	5/15/2008; BARS: 05/15/09	X	X	X	X			Bars initially given 1 extra year to comply	Department of Building Code Enforcement - (574) 294-5471
NO	Evansville*		01/02/07							Only requires non-smoking areas	Mayor's Office (812) 436-4962
YES	Fort Wayne	(see above - included in Allen Co.)	06/01/07	X	X	X	X		X	Tobacco retail stores exempt	Health Department (260) 449-7561
YES	Franklin	19,463 / 0.32%	06/03/09	X	X	X	X	X	X		Board of Public Works and Safety (317) 736-3602
NO	Goshen*		09/01/07	X	X	Allows separate smoking areas				Includes bowling alleys	City of Goshen
YES	Greencastle	9,880 / 0.16%	09/01/07	X	X	X	X				Mayor's Office
YES	Greenfield	(see above - included in Hancock Co.)	03/01/06	X	X	X					Mayor's Office (317) 447-4300 or mayor@greenfield.in.org
YES	Greensburg	10,260 / 0.17%	11/07/06	X	X	X			X		Mayor's Office (812) 663-3344
YES	Greenwood	36,037 / 0.59%	04/22/06	X	X	X					Police, code enforcement officer and fire inspectors (317) 882-9191
YES	Indianapolis	843,772 / 13.88%	03/01/06	X	X	X					Health Department (317) 221-3333
YES	Indianapolis Airport Authority	N/A	01/01/08	X	X	X	X	X	X		

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YES	Jeffersonville	27,362 / 0.45%	06/14/06	X	X	X				Tobacco retail stores exempt	Building Commission (812) 285-6415
YES	Kokomo	46,113 / 0.76%	10/06/06	X	X	X					Mayor's Office (765) 456-7444 or mayor@cityofkokomo.org
YES	Lafayette	56,397 / 0.93%	09/01/08	X	X	X				places where 21 and over only are admitted are exempt	Mayor's designee
YES	Lawrence	38,915 / 0.64%	07/01/06	X	X	X					City of Lawrence (317) 545-6191
YES	Lowell	7,505 / 0.12%	01/02/11	X	X	X	X		X	Tobacco retail stores exempt	Lowell Police Department (219) 696-0411
YES	Madison	12,004 / 0.20%	08/01/06	X	X	X					Police Department or Fire Chief
YES	Plainfield	18,396 / 0.30%	02/02/07	X	X	X	X		X		Service Officer (317) 839-8702
YES	Seymour	18,101 / 0.29%	07/21/06	X	X	X					Code Enforcement Officer (812) 522-4746
NO	Shelbyville*		09/01/06	X	X	Allows separate smoking					City Attorney - Mayor's Office
YES	Speedway	12,881 / 0.21%	09/01/06	X	X	X					Town of Speedway (317) 241-2566
NO	Valparaiso*		04/01/07	X	X	X				Does not adequately cover restaurants: restaurants that have bars may apply for exemption	City Hall (219) 462-1161
YES	West Lafayette	28,778 / 0.47%	07/01/07	X	X	X	X				West Lafayette Police Department (765) 775-5200
YES	Westfield	9,293 / 0.15%	10/14/09	X	X	X				places where 21 and over only are admitted are exempt	Westfield Community Development Department (317) 804-3170
YES	Whitestown	471 / 0.01%	10/01/06	X	X	X					Police Department (317) 769-6557
YES	Zionsville	8,775 / .14%	08/10/06	X	X	X	X		X		Town Manager (317) 873-8245

TOTAL IN residents covered by a COMPREHENSIVE smoke free law	526,356 / 6,080,485 = 8.7%	These ordinances cover ALL workplaces, including bars, and ensure that all workers and patrons are protected from the harmful health effects of secondhand smoke exposure.
TOTAL IN residents covered by a smoke free law	1,866,930 / 6,080,485 = 31.5%	These ordinances meet SGR guidelines and eliminate smoking in MOST workplaces. However, employees in bars and casinos are not protected from the harmful health effects of secondhand smoke exposure.
TOTAL US population covered by comprehensive smoke free laws	78.9%	When compared to the rest of the United States, Indiana is NOT up to speed. The majority of Hoosiers are not adequately protected from exposure secondhand smoke, one of the leading causes of preventable death.

*Does not meet the conclusion from the The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Surgeon General's Report, 2006, that states, "eliminating smoking in indoor spaces fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke. Separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposures of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke." These communities were not included in the population estimate -- % of IN residents protected by a smoke free law.

**The Monroe County ordinance was amended in March 2009 to prohibit smoking in vehicles with children (13 yrs of age or younger) present.